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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of August 13, 2004.

- ___ Applicants request an extension of time for months. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$ fee.
- ___ No additional fee is required.
- X Also enclosed: Declaration of Inventorship, IDS and PTO/SB/08A with 2 References, Check for \$180 and a Return Postcard.

No. of Claims After		Most Claims		Extra					
Amendment			Previously Paid Claims				Additional Fee		
A. Total Claims	26	-	32	=	0	х	\$18	=	\$0
B. Ind. Claims	2	-	4	=	0	х	\$88	=	\$0
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 300 \$300							=	\$0	
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)								\$0	
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)							11	\$0	
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)								\$0	

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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